

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-34, and 35-37 are pending in the application.

By this Amendment, claim 36 is amended.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application are requested based on the following remarks.¹

A. The "Response to Arguments"

On page 2, lines 3-12, the Office Action sets forth comment regarding the disposition of the patent application. In particular, the Office Action speaks to the previous art rejection, as well as the previously indicated allowable subject matter. In particular, the Office Action asserts:

Applicant's arguments, filed on 06/15/2011, with respect to claims 1, 3-12, 14-37 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The **previous art rejection** of claims 1, 3-12,14-37 has been **withdrawn**. The examiner indicated an allowable subject matter, which is that "the universal session manager sending a communication to the remote server upon either customer timeout or logout." While this is still a valid allowable subject matter, the examiner found out during a routine allowance due diligence that the limitation "**the universal session manager sending a communication to the remote server upon either customer timeout or logout,**" is not supported by the specification. And this has necessitated the 35 USC 112, first rejection below.

(emphasis added)

Applicant respectfully traverses the assertion that such noted features in Applicant's claimed

¹ As Applicant's remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicant's silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., assertions regarding dependent claims, whether a reference constitutes prior art, whether references are legally combinable for obviousness purposes) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicant reserves the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

invention are not supported by the specification. The basis for Applicant's traversal is set forth below with regards to the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, rejection.

Applicant notes the comments in the Office Action reflecting that the previous art rejection has been withdrawn. Applicant appreciates such indication.

B. The 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-12 and 14-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is traversed.

The Office Action sets forth basis for the rejection on page 2, line 20 - page 3, line 8. In particular, the Office Action asserts:

... The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The specification as originally filed mentions that "the USM may typically update the last accessed times (LA T) and perform session timeouts based on this time variable. Activity in the top navigation bar and/or direct links to the dispatch servlet updating the LA T variables, thus preventing the customer sessions from timing out and being automatically logged out. If a customer is active within the bottom frame for more than a predetermined amount of time, such as 30 minutes (and does not activate the USM), their session may be closed and they will be logged out (see paras 0069), but not that "the universal session manager sending a communication to the remote server upon either customer timeout or logout," as now implied. Clarification is required.

(emphasis added)

Applicant respectfully traverses such assertions. The specification clearly contains support for the feature of "the universal session manager sending a communication to the remote server upon either customer timeout or logout." For example, such features are clearly supported on page 28 of Applicant's specification. Therein, Applicant's specification describes:

Example 9 - Logout Servlet

when a customer logouts or times out from the Internet bank host server, the USM may send a logout redirect to those remote services the customer has accessed during this session so that they may clean up their sessions. However, remote service may choose to ignore this message. The USM may not see the return from the redirect message. Thus this may be a message call without directing the customer's browser to the remote services site. And exemplary format of the logout redirect may be:

https://www.<service_name>.com/logout?session=<remote_sid>

(emphasis added)

Accordingly, such disclosure clearly supports the feature of "the universal session manager sending a communication to the remote server upon either customer timeout or logout."

Applicant also submits that such claimed features are supported on page 18 of Applicant's filed application. Applicant submits that the features, as set forth in claim 1, are indeed supported in Applicant's filed application and that the above assertions, as to the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection, are misplaced. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection, is respectfully requested.

For at least these above reasons, claim 1 satisfies 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In a similar manner, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12 and 36 also satisfy 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is requested.

C. Conclusion

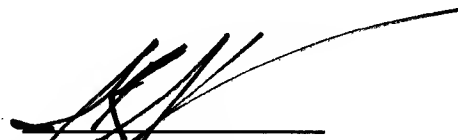
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Office Action, and early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or if there are any other issues which may be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (703)714-7448 is respectfully solicited.

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